

# FRS NEWSLETTER

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## Dear FRS-Holland Friends!

Welcome in this final 2001 edition. Time flies and as you read this we are preparing for the X-Mas Holiday Season. It's a while ago since the previous edition was published. I really (seriously) plan four editions for 2002 coming out mid March, June, September and December. In case this edition should arrive after X-mas I can only say sorry... the post is always a bit more unpredictable during this time of the year. As we had collected a lot of interesting news since July, it was difficult to stop them. Therefore I decided to use a small and different letter for enabling to put more news within these 6 pages. Even though this font is really small, it's also legible, convincing me you won't have too much trouble in reading the FRS Newsletter pages. In fact you have almost 12 "normal" pages packed within this edition! Next time however we are back at the normal size of the letter font!! I do hope that all of you send their renewal and perhaps some readers could send their 2002 renewal sometime in January instead of next Summer.... Season's Greetings are going out to all of you, may 2002 become a great year!

73's, Peter V.

Full of good intentions for the year 2002? Your first one is sending your renewal straightaway to FRSH, P.O. Box 2702, in 6049 ZG Herten. It is simple and takes less than 5 minutes. For € 6,4 pounds/US\$6 you will receive this Newsletter for another year. Don't hesitate but do it... NOW!!!

\* If you don't want sending coins you can pay :

- 1) a 5 euro banknote + one US dollar. Alternatively
- 2) a 5 euro banknote + 2x DM 1,10/ 2x 1,10 stamps

## FRS Broadcasting Activities

The past few months FRS carried out two broadcasts on SW, September 23rd we did a one hour broadcast on 7473 providing the 24 hour marathon which was planned for Sept 29th/30th on 7450 kHz. We started at 16:40 UTC Sat Sept. 29th. Already that same day numerous E-mails from all parts of Europe convinced us that the signal quality was good. Sun morning there was only a carrier on 7450, in the night of Sat to Sun something had gone wrong with the double cassette deck. At 08:00 UTC/10:00 CEST we recommenced but the modulation disappeared at 10:00 UTC on a moment that deck II had to take over from deck A. Yes, the same problem as during the night. The problem could not be solved automatically. As a result the complete broadcast went out again a week later in the weekend of Oct. 6th/7th. The listeners' response was very good: we received a total of 65 letters! E-mails. In the weekend of Oct. 6th/7th FRS carried out brief tests on various 48 mb freep putting out a loop tape with a message referring to our 41 mb activities that weekend.

The FRS 21st birthday was intended to go on Nov. 11th but we were forced to postpone that for one week. Until the previous broadcasts, this one didn't progress as smoothly as we had been hoping for. It's obvious a birthday broadcast is something special, we put a lot of effort into this broadcast. It's quite understandable one hopes no problems occur during the transmission. The facts proved the opposite. Conditions were not what you would expect from a November month. Particularly the noise level was high. The broadcast started at 09:22 CET and prior to that non-stop music interrupted by FRS intervals. It was played on 6201. The modulation level appeared to be much too low at the start and as a result the level was increased twice coming to an acceptable level at approx. 09:45 CET (though still not 100%). From that moment it looked like if things were ok. Signal strength was satisfactory looking at the propagation. At approx. 11:00 CET the signal was affected by GRM. We decided to slightly alter frequency from 6201 to 6199. That happened at 11:23 CET. At the same instant the signal appeared and so did the mod quality. Everything looked fine but at 11:35 CET the GRM returned meaning to an unacceptable level. We decided to move to the higher part of the 48 mb. Making use of a X-mas card, our choice was indicated to the slots which were available. Apart from a few others, 6240 and 6210 were unusable as these freep or adjacent freep were occupied. One thing we do not want is interfering with colleague stations. We had already kept an eye on 6286 but coincident or not, just before our proposed move to that channel. Also time signal on A telephone call was made and we agreed with the RAL. Of that he would clear 6284 (the freep he was on) at 12:10 CET. Thanks to him we could continue on 6286 during the final part of the broadcast without any problems.

Signal strength and mod were both excellent on 6286. Close down at 14:15 CET. Although the above action put their negative stamp upon our birthday party, things weren't that dramatic. The mod problem and the GRM certainly did not dominate the entire broadcast. The mod level was upped fairly quick and our signal was far stronger than the GRM. When looking at the E-mail reports, we got a reliable impression (in a certain degree). Some 65% of the E-mails generally indicated good reception despite the wind and GRM problems. Some reports described our signal as being very strong. It's a pity that some people did only mention 6200 while the final two hours were on 6286 in [very] good quality. But the fact remained that generally speaking we were all satisfied with the overall results: on the 18th and thus a repeat was planned a week later, this time on 7470 kHz 41 mb. Starting at 08:20 UTC part of the birthday was repeated. Signal quality on 7472 (and the last 45 min. on 7473) was very good although we feel sorry our signal caused some splutter on 7480 where colleague station CWR was broadcasting. Of course we have never heard and will never have any intention to cause interference to any of our colleague stations! Also the response for the birthday shows was stimulating with some very interesting, long letters. On the 24th/25th Nov. many listeners were surprised by a combined E.M.U./FRS test on 7450 kHz. Several archive recordings from former London based parties like R. Jackie, London Music Radio, Skyline Radio, Radio Kaleidoskop and R. Inca were used and varied with pop music. Signal quality on 7450 was solid resulting in reception in the USA during nighttime. The 7450 test was produced by E.M.R. In the not too distant future, FRS and E.M.R. will be doing a joint production on 41 mb with a mix in Swedish, French, Dutch, German and English. And after these October and November activities, the next broadcast is almost here: December 22nd/23rd FRS has planned a 5+ hour X-Mas broadcast going out on 7450 kHz. The X-Mas Season will also see at least one test to North America on 48 mb in the early morning hours. Possibly on the 23rd and the 30th December. Looking back to the current broadcasts in our firm belief there is certainly a need for the kind of programming FRS is putting out. That strengthens our conviction to continue in 2002 with quality programming on SWH.

## Manfred Bredow

It was only a few weeks ago that we at FRSH were informed about the sudden death of Manfred Bredow. Whom Manfred Bredow? For some people it's just a name, but not for us. Many will know him as a very dedicated SW Free Radio DJer. When FRS-Holland started in the 1980 Summer, we quickly built up a large following in the GDR. Looking up the FRS logbook, it appears that his first letter to FRSH was written Dec. 14th 1980, 4 months after our start. And in Dec. 1980 marking the start of a 21 year friendship between Manfred and the FRS crew. The 25 letters we received in the 21 years of FRS broadcasts is the best proof for this strong tie. None of us ever met Manfred but all of us felt he was a very loyal FRS listener. Manfred died July 4th in the age of 41. Coincidence or not, today, Sat. Sept. 30th he would have become 42. We all are shocked by losing a one of our most faithful listeners. We wish his family all the strength and courage they need in the upcoming period. And for a very final time we say: thank you Manfred for being a FRS-Holland listener for more than 20 years, thank you for your enormous support, may you rest in peace.

## FRS Sales Productions

FRS Sales Productions offer you a wide range of video and audio tapes from radio stations all over the world. At this moment a great number of new recordings (from more than 100 hours) are added to the list. We also try to finish off the video list. All prices in German Marks and Dutch guilders are converted into Euro. In case you are interested in obtaining the complete bandwidth FRS Sales Prod. Catalogue, then send € 1,50/2.95/US\$2.00/€ 1.00 to FRS Sales Productions, P.O. Box 2702, 6049 ZG Herten, the Netherlands. Special offers will be made via the quarterly FRS Newsletter and on the Internet. We offer tapes & videos for incredible prices, special discounts are given when ordering more than 5 tapes. And recordings can also be obtained on MD or CDF if this is worth while to get hold of the revised catalogue, so where are you waiting for? The FRS SALES LIST 2001 contains hundreds of recordings from radio stations all over the world (it's also available via E-mail [attached] in Aiso, Word or Corel WPP format [free]. It's worth while to get hold of the revised catalogue!

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<peter.verbruggen@tip.nl>. In the not too distant future our E-mail address will be changed to a new one.

P.O. Box 2702, 6049 ZG Herten, the Netherlands

Smart Database is looking for tape recordings of Sessanta Dubois. If any of the FRS readership has such recordings in his collection, please drop him a line at Church View, Soudan Rd, Wilkes-Barre, State, Staffordshire ST15 5SF in the UK. Alternatively you can write to POBox 3783 in 6049 ZG Herten.

## SW FREE RADIO SCENE

General







that Mike Radio was causing interference to another service within the 6300-6310 MHz range. The complaint came from Germany. A strange reason knowing several freqs within the 6300-6315 MHz range have been used each weekend in the past years by many different stations. If stations are really causing interference, why not intervene earlier? Fact is Mike Radio was very often on the air, time were not restricted to weekends only. And Mike Radio was using a very powerful tx. But on the other side, much power is used by at least 10 Dutch stations who are regularly heard on 48 MHz. Fact is that Mike Radio will challenge the decision to confiscate his receiver, audio equipment and the tx which was not in operation. According to a new law, you may have a tx provided it is not connected to electricity power and on antenna. Website: <www.mikradio.com>. Email: <mikradio@3000holland.com>. The P.O. Box 23, 8070 AA Weesp, the Netherlands has been closed down. The Mike Radio OP claims the station will soon return "with a lot of power" from a new studio. A few days after the raid, a lot of soundable discussion was started on the Internet. [www.gqrx.com](http://www.gqrx.com) which links one really free use and are the gateway on the Internet a danger to for instance Dutch SW stations? Trying to answer the first questions, when looking at the freq lists there are not many suitable freqs left for pirates in the 48 MHz. On one hand a great number of freqs have been allocated to legal broadcasters from several European and non-European countries. And on the other hand the same number of freqs are occupied by utility stations. Of course there's a big difference between theory and practice. Some of the stations are using 48 MHz freqs at time intervals when most SW pirates are inactive. In addition, some of the broadcasters transmit from stations far outside Europe. And then utility stations, many lines being assigned as utility channels, are hardly to use. There are a few channels which should be seriously avoided: 6215-5310 MHz - distress channel and one of the reasons for the raid on the Ross Revenge. World Mission Radio was using in the late 80s. 6268 MHz seems to be a distress channel for narrow-band direct-printing telegraphy (6282 MHz) is a distress channel for digital Select (R). Trying to answer the other question: more diff the Internet. Does the use of the Internet really increase the chance for the Dutch RDR to raid stations? In other words: is it responsible to make Dutch pirate frequencies and hours of operation accessible to the RDR via internet news groups? Many active listeners give their opinion and you shouldn't be too surprised the various opinions differ quite a lot. So for the listener has been a wonderful medium to quickly and efficiently make listeners aware of future activities. And, the same applies to the other way round when it comes to misinterpretations and reports from Internet towards the RDR. This is why it is important to have the flow of information known. But the authorities also need the information! Quite a number of stations are broadcasting on a regular basis from fixed locations, you should expect that in case the RDR wants to track down a station they make use of sophisticated and professional devices to carry out their job. Whether they need or use Internet info remains uncertain. Using different locations and broadcasting with less power and less frequently seem to be better security measures than merely changing the location. Does this advice really give a greater chance of being caught but to what degree the authorities use the Internet to aid in their tracking of pirates is a difficult question. As it is not particularly difficult to track pirates down these days because of the high tech equipment, it looks like the reality is: at least in my eyes: that the RDR people are relying more on their own self monitoring than from Internet publicity. Using the Internet information as a source seems unlikely. If there are station OPs who do not want others to publish info about their station, links and other details should contain these words and/or Internet E-Zines they consider open to the public.

[S] Sat/Sun Nov 24th/25th **RADIO MONO** was noted on 6295 with excellent signals and crisp clear sound. Radio Mono is a new station or perhaps better: a new name in SW free radio land. The voice behind the station is a familiar one in SW circles. Sat Dec 1st the station was again heard on 6295 with a very strong signal. Sat and Su Dec 8th/9th Radio Mono was back on 6295 but this time a parallel freq within the 31 mhz was added: 9380. The 48 mhz signal was booming in and also when the 31 mhz a strong signal was monitored. <radio@mono.nl>

> Most likely Radio Mono is the same station as mentioned on page 5 (my listeners station top right).

[S] **RADIO NORDSEE WS** returned after an absence of more than half a year on SW Sat October 20th. Frequency was 6205 and the signal was very strong. Apparently the station is using new powerful transmitting equipment. Sat Nov 17th saw German Radio Nordsee WS testing on 6175 kHz, just inside the 49 mhz. The signal was fair. A stronger signal was monitored later that day on 6210 kHz with 80W. Address: P.O. Box 2209, D-77612 Offenburg in Germany.

[S] **RADIO NORTHLIGHT (P)** was heard Sept. 8th/9th in connection with the Grouse meeting. A marathon show was aired on 9290 kHz with just over 100W of power. Sunday Sept 16th 04.00 - 05.00 UTC 2001 the station was on 6295 USW with 80W and 05.00 - 08.00 UTC on 6275 kHz in AM mode (25 watts) Radio Northlight was called on Sat September 29th during a broadcast on 6300 kHz. At 13.23 UTC two men from the German PTI and two men from the local police entered the station confiscating the Icom-710 transmitter. The station didn't cause any interference to neighbours or on the SW bands, so it was "just" a routine raid. For more info regarding the raid surf to the website: <[www.studio4northlight.de](http://www.studio4northlight.de)>. Sunday October 21st Northlight was heard via relay on 6305. Power was some 600W. Studio Northlight has a new Email address which is <[mail@studio4northlight.de](mailto:mail@studio4northlight.de)>. Website: <[www.studio4northlight.de](http://www.studio4northlight.de)>. New address: P.O. Box 1136, 06201 Merseburg, Germany.

[S] **RADIO NOWA INT (J)** was heard during several occasions. In July 27th Nova started a three day marathon on 6210 kHz. Unfortunately propagation was

very unreliable that weekend. Stations from Great Britain were of rather weak while continental stations were often strong pointing at short skip. In the p.m. a new address was announced: RN, c/o P.O. Box 130 is 92504 Rueil Cedex France. Sat/Sun August 11th and 12th Radio Nova conducted a 24 hour test on 7450 kHz within the 41 mhz. Both Signal strength and modulation were excellent making the test very successfully. Future plans regarding regular use of 41 metres remain uncertain at the moment. Two weeks later Nova was heard all weekend on 6210. This was a Black Friday weekend and there continued on Monday as well. Due to some technical problems, the main rig was replaced by a spare unit on Saturday and this resulted in a significantly less powerful modulation quality. Further successful 7450 tests were heard Fri/Sat August 31st/Sep 1st. F.n/Sw Sep 1st/2nd 14th/15th/16th Nova repeated a few August p.m. on 7450 with a very loud signal. Reception in Scandinavia and West and central Europe was excellent. Last but not least Nova was on 6210 from Fri evening Sept 21st till the late evening of Sat Sept 22nd. Also on this evening, a few 7450 tests were heard. Sat/Sun Oct 27th and 28th Nova put out test on 7525 kHz. The test was indeed very successful with strong signals noted on the continent. Modulation quality was loud and clear in the weekend of Nov. 23rd, 24th and 25th the station was heard on 6210 with a solid signal and loud mod. Sat Dec 1st/Sun Dec 2nd the complete broadcast was repeated on 7450. On this freq the signal did not have the usual quality due to the somewhat hazy conditions. New Email add is <[BN@nowa.com](mailto:BN@nowa.com)> - Swedeland add is (4) Radio Nova will be on air with lengthy times during the X-Mas Holiday Season! At the moment Nova has two Dutch and two English speakers. The station is eagerly looking for a new German display. RN requests a SAE from the UK or 2 x ILCs or 2 x US\$ from overseas. Email is <[RN@nowa.com](mailto:RN@nowa.com)>.

[S] **RADIO CHMOROP ZED** had been successfully testing a couple of times on 21870 kHz. Sat November 3rd at 15.00 UTC RQZ was heard in the USA testing on 21870 kHz. A mix of classic rock tracks were heard. Nov. 17th the station was heard on 21870 kHz in the USA between 12.31-14.44 UTC. A wide variety of pop music was aired. Power is unknown. Email: <[mc@chmorop.com](mailto:mc@chmorop.com)>. No swedeland address is available.

[S] **OZYONE RADIO** is regularly noted on 41 mhz freqs including 7434, 7440 & 7470 kHz which are good choices. The station was a number of times heard in fair quality. The station is offering interesting free radio news and has a nice choice of pop music. The following Email was received from Radio Ozone: "We are intending to have a new change at Radio Ozone. We are planning to be on air with a variety of some of our tuning and open up new time slots and days of transmissions but we have to state here and now we do have interference problems of the transmitting site, once these are cured it will be all systems go. So here now is the plan: Friday evenings 01.00 to 04.00 BST on 5.800. Saturday evenings at 7.00 BST onwards on 5.830 or 5.800. Sunday mornings 07.30 to 10.30 BST on 7.490 and some tests on a Sunday afternoon quite possibly around 14.00 BST on 5.800. As always we are open to your input and we will be on reception reports, casual ones of course will be sent our QSL, but we need more from you than just reception reports, we need listeners. Please Write/Wr Ozone." Add is 85 Millarde Rd West, Suffolk, NR35 8H in the UK. Email: <[brian@ozone-radio.com](mailto:brian@ozone-radio.com)>.

[S] **RADIO PACMAN** can be heard irregularly on 6400 kHz, a freq nowadays used for QSOing purposes. Pacman is a Dutch station only using some 10W of power. Nevertheless the station mostly provides a solid signal! No address available.

[S] Last July **RADIO PAMELA** announced to be ceasing their SW p.m. Most reason for this decision is the lack of response, a problem which not only affects Pamela but many college stations, as well! This is not the end of the station as station OP Steve Matt continues on the Internet. Pamela can be contacted via <[radio@pamela.nl](mailto:radio@pamela.nl)>. Last news: Pamela has now closed down as Steve Matt, the owner, is in prison due to a very bad crime having nothing to do with radio. Brian Young will be starting up a new station to replace Radio Pamela on the Internet and possibly SW as well.

[S] **RADIO PARADORA (P)** was heard Sun Oct. 7th and 21st on 7475 and Nov. 4th the station moved to 7400 kHz. Sun Nov. 18th Paradora was on 7475 and Sun Dec. 2nd back on 7400. Signals on 41 metres are mostly fair. For the time being the station is inactive due to lack of reliable sites. Email is <[paradora@radio.nl](mailto:paradora@radio.nl)>.

[S] **RADIO PARADES** is a Dutch station broadcasting irregularly on SW. Sun Oct 21st, Sat 27th and Sun the 28th saw the station on 6195 kHz with a solid fair signal. Power was only 10W covering from 12.31 to 14.00 UTC. The station was frequently heard on 6305, for instance on Sun Nov. 18th, Fri Nov. 30th and Sat Dec 1st. Sat Dec 8th saw the station on 6295 and 6300 with poor signal strength. The day after however a much better signal was picked up on 6305. The station operated with 25 and later with 40W which is a lot more than the 10W announced earlier. Parades has a new Email address: <[parades@radio.nl](mailto:parades@radio.nl)>.

[S] **PIRATE RADIO FOS #1** is the name of a new station which will test heard on 6305 Thursday Nov. 1st. The same ORG was used two days later on Saturdays. Signal quality was rather poor.

[S] **Q1-103**, a station based in Northern Europe, is still active on the SW bands. Q1-103 was active on 10330 kHz but due to GERM the station has decided to make a move to 11440 during the 2001/2002 winter period. In addition a 41 mhz freq will be used.

[S] **RADIO SEITUNE** from Germany was testing on a handful of freqs Sun Oct 21st. Freqs included 6240, 6275, 6285, 6294 & 6313 kHz. Sun Nov. 4th Skyline was on 7500 kHz with a fairly strong, a bandpass QSL can be obtained via the well-known P.O. Box 73, 7160 AB Neebe address.





## Peace Radio New Offshore Station in Israel?

The Dutch Veronica magazine reports that there's a plan by a Dutch TV producer Harry de Winter - to start a new offshore Peace station off the coast of Israel. As far as we know, this is NOT an attempt to rebroadcast the Voice of Peace because that name is copyrighted to Abie Nathan. The new station's output would be fully dedicated to peace. At present time, Harry de Winter is looking for enough backing within the Jewish community. He also spoke to future partners at the TV fair in Cannes, France.

## Wreckage Radio Uilenspiegel buried

Oct. 15th work started to bury the remains of wreckage of the former Radio Antwerp ship the Uilenspiegel. The remains of the concrete ship were still accessible to people taking a walk at the beach near the Dutch/Belgian border. Antwerp was set up by Georges de Caluwé. Tami started just outside the territorial limit off Zeebrugge Oct. 10th 1962. Within days the station became immensely popular. Hardly two months later in December 1962, the ship lost its anchor and ran aground on the Dutch/Belgian border close to the so-called Zuwaagel. The ship was a symbol for Free Radio and many tourists were injured when trying to climb on the ship. That was in the period 1963-1971. It was then decided to scrap part of the ship creating a much safer situation. The last however was still stuck in the sand of the beach and remained a dangerous object. 40 years after the ship ran aground, a definitive solution has become reality. All remains are totally buried, the place where the ship is buried has become a permanent symbol for the Free radio fight in the 1960s.

## RADIO CAROLINE NEWS

### Radio Caroline

The Radio Caroline Support Group Netherlands has secured a cable-outpost for Radio Caroline in the northern and eastern part of the Netherlands covering the following areas: Groningen, Friesland, Drenthe and Twente. The output will be available as from January 1st 2002.

### In Memoriam: Ernie Stephenson (1931-2001)

On October 19th 2001, Ernie Stephenson, the Chief Engineer of the Ross Revenge, passed away. Ernie was a great man without whom Radio Caroline might not have started anymore. His death is a great loss to the corporation Peter Moore, Caroline's station manager wrote on 'In Memoriam' which can be read on [212.147.2.146/caroline/index.uk.html](http://212.147.2.146/caroline/index.uk.html).

Caroline Jack Nigel Morris has his own website: < [go.to/nigelmorris](http://go.to/nigelmorris) >

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

### Radio Flanders Int.

The Belgian Int. Service of Radio Flanders Int. has ceased its broadcasts via the Waver transmitter site, instead others will be licensed abroad. A satellite delivery service carries a high quality transfer from Radio Flanders Int. to the relay stations. RW18, RW-2 are now the new names for two digital satellite services making use of one digital channel. RW1 kills two birds with one stone: they provide a digital satellite service and at the same time they deliver gas which are to be rebroadcasted on SW.

### New Station: Q Music starts November 12th

Q Music is a new Belgian commercial radio station which took to the air Monday Nov. 12th. The brand new station is owned by the Vlaamse Mediaautoriteit (Vlaamse Mediaautoriteit) (VMA) which could be translated as the Flemish Media Company. Q Music one to be contemporary, informative and young. The station doesn't want to become a copy of Radio Donna, a state-owned station which is very popular. The key-figure in this new operation: Dirk Lodewijckx is responsible for the station's look, sound and the promotional side. And this same person was responsible for the Radio Donna vlog. No doubt there will be parallels between Donna and Q Music. Q promises a slick mix of up-to-date quality music. To promote Belgium's newest station, the VMA has started a huge promotional campaign. Everyone must know what Q Music is and what the station stands for. Website: < [www.qmusic.be](http://www.qmusic.be) >.

### Former Veronica engineer passes away

A few months ago the former chief engineer of Radio Veronica, Josik van Gersingen, died after a wasting disease. He was for instance the one responsible for the Veronica switch in 1972. The station moved from 192 to the 538 metres at the other end of the AM dial. Apart from his work for Radio Veronica, he was involved with engineering jobs on the MFC Communicator and the mysterious MY Harrier. In the summer of 1999, Josik was one of the guests during the 31 day Veronica revival on 1224 AM. A very talented and skilled radio engineer has passed away. May he rest in peace.

### Former Veronica managing-director 92

Wednesday Sept. 12th (Bell Verwij) who was in charge of Radio Veronica between 1962-1974, became 92.

### Rocko back on British radio

Sat Sept. 1st it was announced that radio personality The Emperor Rocko would be returning on the British scene. Starting Saturday Oct. 6th he's to be heard on the Classical Gold Digital Network in the UK between 12 and 3 in the afternoon. The px containing the classic hits from the past 4 decades, comes from his L.A. studio. Rocko started his European career in the mid 60s on Radio Caroline. In addition he was working for Radio Luxembourg, BBC Radio One and a few years ago on satellite-delivered European Klassik Rock.

## The First Radio Essex Renning

Sat Sept. 1st at exactly 12 o'clock several former Radio Essex staff members got together for a reunion lunch in London. 35 Years ago it was Radio Essex being the first offshore station putting out gas around the clock 24 hours a day. As the station was putting out gas on relatively low power, it was in fact the first British local commercial station. Prominent guests that day was the Bates family. It was Roy Bates who was in charge of Radio Essex. Nowadays he's involved with Seacrest, the official structure off the south-east coast of the UK. Others who attended the meeting are John Aston, the former programme-controller, Greg Bence, also known as Roger Scott and Arnold Loyne on R.N.I.; Guy Horvath, Martin Koyne, Mark West (Westley) and engineer Dick Dixon. Dick Palmer, who used to be the so-called captain of the fort Radio Essex was broadcasting from, was absent, unfortunately he had other commitments. And David Sandler who lives in Canada was also absent. Mark Westley shot a film of the nostalgic meeting. It is the intention to make the 2001 reunion web-site off the fort in the 1960s.

## Radio London RSL

Recently it was announced that no less than 30,000 persons visited the Radio London website last August. The Radio London RSL could be listened to on the website, for many radio enthusiasts a great opportunity to hear the nostalgic sounds. The AM coverage was restricted not to wonder as the power was limited to a few watts only. Programme-controller Paul Graham said only one other English station had more visitors on their website: Virgin Radio. He added that the many big names attracted such large numbers visiting to the London website. In the mean time the organisation is allowed online on AM from the European mainland. However, the organisation has also plans to start broadcasting via the Sky Digital Network to secure his future bringing back the station on a permanent basis. Talks with a Dutch broadcaster should be taking place. Will keep you informed!

## Ferry Mast hopes to start new radio station

Dispy and progproducer Ferry Mast intends to start his own radio station in the New Wave. Plans are not totally new. The Dutch authorities already issued a licence but Ferry Mast took a rest and waited because it was financially not feasible. The format will be acy-listening and the name could become Easy FM playing slots such as Frank Sinatra and the Compans. The station will aim at the 40+ aged listeners in the Netherlands. A lot of radio listeners will Ferry Mast as the very talented radio personality making his career on the Dutch service of R.N.I. in early 70s. He also worked for HR Radio, Radio 10 and the Dutch national older station Radio 2. He did his last show on Radio 2 Dec. 31st 2000 after which he was forced to leave the station following a serious dispute with the person responsible for the choice of records in his daily afternoon show.

## Radio Luxembourg

Dutch radio expert Hans Koot produced an interesting Radio Luxembourg story covering his memories on the Dutch and Flemish service in the early 60s. His story plus a lot of photos can be found on < [www.rca.org.uk/~mouche/rolog.htm](http://www.rca.org.uk/~mouche/rolog.htm) >.

## Website London 1980s pirates

For anybody with an interest in 1980s London based pirates, a new website is constructed. On this site the content from magz like TM Magazine / Radio Today and AM/FM. There's also a load of archives from stations of the time. < [www.official.org.uk](http://www.official.org.uk) >.

## Where are they now?

Claudio Wolff is reportedly leaving TalkSport to join Carls's new station Red FM. Wolf is most famous for his time with 80s offshore pirate Laser 558. Following the demise of Laser, Charlie joined the new Atlantic 252. Luc van Rooij joined Radio 192 as from Thursday evening Oct. 25th onwards. He presents a weekly programme on Radio 192 becoming increasingly popular in the Netherlands. Luc van Rooij is the voice of TV station Tien and used to work for VARA & ARKO Radio, RTL, Rock Radio and Arrow Classic Rock. In the 80s he was heard on Radio Muziek using the name Luc Dardie. His current 192 rock show is scheduled between 22.00-24.00 hours CET. See also < [www.192radio.nl](http://www.192radio.nl) >.

August 31st saw the 50th birthday of Peter Holland. That same day he was celebrating his 10th birthday as a Radio 10 FM deejay and his 30th anniversary as a deejay. Peter started his career in 1971 on Radio Noordzee Int. Between 19.00-22.00 hours a special celebration party was held on 675 AM and several radio 10 FM fans. A number of former 194 colleagues were guest. Hans Hagedoorn, Hans Steenbergen, Luc van der Groot and engineer Ferry de Groot. Peter Holland has his very own website very much worth a visit. < [www.peterhollandonline.com](http://www.peterhollandonline.com) >.

## Dutch Radio Day

The 2002 edition of this highly popular day for radio friends will take place on Saturday March 2nd. Location is the Koningszootheater aan de Aa, Zoetermeer. Middlefield 41-43 in Amsterdam. If you are an SMC contributor, admission is free. All other people pay 10 Euro. You can become an SMC contributor by paying 10 Euro. A number of former 194 colleagues were guest. Hans Hagedoorn, Hans Steenbergen, Luc van der Groot and engineer Ferry de Groot. Peter Holland has his very own website very much worth a visit. < [www.peterhollandonline.com](http://www.peterhollandonline.com) >.

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